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HQ USAF FOR CVAFI

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, SP, MO  
SUBJECT: USAF REQUEST FOR USE OF TORREJON BY MOROCCAN  
CHARTERED B-747 AIRCRAFT

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1. WE HAVE REPEATED REFTEL TO STATE. SINCE THE USE OF THE SPANISH AIR FORCE BASE AT TORREJON BY A MOROCCAN CHARTERED AIRCRAFT, AND THE ENTRY ONTO THE SPANISH AIR BASE BY A SENIOR MOROCCAN OFFICIAL OR OFFICIALS CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT SPECIFIC SPANISH GOVERNMENT APPROVAL, AND SINCE SUCH APPROVAL IS RARELY GIVEN FOR THIRD COUNTRY USE OF U.S. FACILITIES IN SPAIN, IT BECOMES IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN COORDINATION IN WASHINGTON OF THIS REQUEST.

2. WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION HERE TO JUDGE THE IMPORTANCE TO U.S. OR MOROCCAN INTERESTS OF STAGING THIS AIRCRAFT THROUGH TORREJON. WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK THAT, IF PRESSED, THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT MIGHT WISH TO APPEAR ACCOMMODATING TO THE KING OF MOROCCO IN THIS MATTER. HOWEVER, NORMAL SPANISH GOVERNMENT PROCEDURE, CONFIDENTIAL

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TO WHICH ONLY RAREST EXCEPTIONS ARE MADE, IS TO REFUSE THIRD COUNTRY ACCESS TO ANY FACILITIES WE JOINTLY USE WITH THE SPANISH MILITARY IN SPAIN. THIS POLICY APPLIES BOTH TO FOREIGN AIRCRAFT AND TO VISITS BY FOREIGN CITIZENS. THE SPANISH NORMALLY REACT QUICKLY BY PROPOSING ALTERNATIVES EITHER AT SPANISH CIVIL AIR FIELDS OR AT OTHER SPANISH AIR FORCE BASES. THERE IS

SUCH A SPANISH AIR FORCE BASE IN THE SUBURBS OF MADRID,  
AT GETAFE, WHICH THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAS MADE  
AVAILABLE TO OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS FOR TRANSIT PURPOSES.

3. AN ADDITIONAL COMPLICATING FACTOR IN THIS CASE IS  
THE ABSENCE AT TORREJON OF GROUND EQUIPMENT TO HANDLE  
747 AIRCRAFT. SUCH EQUIPMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE BROUGHT  
IN FROM THE NEARBY CIVILIAN AIRPORT AT BARAJAS.

4. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS. STABLER

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